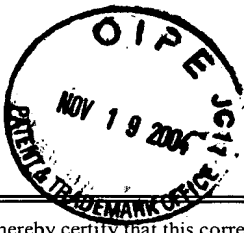


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Sir:

Applicants submit remarks for the convenience of the Patent Office so that the present status of the above identified application can more readily be determined by the Patent Office.

A first Notice of Allowance was mailed in the present application on June 16, 2003. On July 16, 2003 applicants filed a first Request for Continued Examination ("RCE"). With prosecution reopened by the filing of the July 16, 2003 RCE, applicants filed an Information Disclosure Statement received February 9, 2004, an Information Disclosure Statement received March 19, 2004, an Information Disclosure Statement received June 16, 2004 and an

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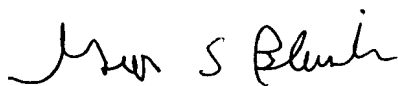
The references contained in the above Information Disclosure Statements, and the March 26, 2004 Amendment were considered by the Examiner, and the Examiner mailed a second Notice of Allowance dated August 16, 2004. On November 15, 2004 applicants filed a second RCE (the November 15, 2004 RCE) so that references contained in an additional Information Disclosure Statement dated November 15, 2004 would be considered by the Examiner.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application in view of the references contained in the Information Disclosure Statement of November 15, 2004. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to issue a third Notice of Allowance should the Examiner continue to regard the application as being allowable in view of the newly submitted references.

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